

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 612

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Terry Edgington on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Terry Edgington is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 27 years educating the youth of Tennessee at Upperman High School in Agriculture and advising the Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding Putnam County resident and teacher began his educational career at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science; he completed a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision at Tennessee Technological University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgington also completed an Agriculture Education Certification at the University of Tennessee in 1973, and supplemented his background with graduate credits from Ohio State University, Tennessee Technological University, and Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Mr. Edgington answered his patriotic call to duty, honorably serving in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgington's 26-year tenure with the Putnam County School System and Upperman High School began in 1972, and during his illustrious tenure he has taught and advised 9th through 12th grade students; and

WHEREAS, Terry Edgington has participated in numerous activities and served on several committees aimed at improving education and teacher effectiveness, including serving as past President of the Putnam County Vocational Teachers Association, past Secretary and Vice-President of the Tennessee Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, on the Board of Directors and past President of the Tennessee Vocational Association; and

WHEREAS, he has also been a member of the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, the Putnam County Teachers Association, the American Vocational Association, as well as the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgington has received numerous awards recognizing his meritorious service to education, including an Honorary State Farmer Degree, the Tennessee State Division of Forestry's Educational Forestry Award, and the Division of Forestry's Certificate of Merit for Educational Excellence; and

WHEREAS, he plays an active and important role in the community and in his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Cookeville and Tennessee Jaycees, Cookeville Little League, the March of Dimes, the Putnam County Fair, the Putnam County Board of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation, and the Tennessee Technological University Agriculture Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Terry Edgington also served the Tennessee Forestry Camp as Director for 19 years, wrote instruction materials covering an array of disciplines as a state curriculum writer, served on the Governor's Task Force for "Forestry Improvement in Tennessee," served as a

State Pilot Teacher for Science IA, the State Coordinator of the State FFA Forestry Contest, and Vice-President of the Tennessee Environmental Forestry Camp at Fall Creek Falls; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout and valued member of the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ, where he serves as Minister of Service Group II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgington exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Edgington has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of his students and peers alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Terry Edgington our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.